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For: TREATMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS WITH MINERAL ORES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Before examining the above-captioned patent application, please cancel all claims (*i.e.*, claims 1-7) and replace them with the claims attached hereto (*i.e.*, claims 8-26).

Remarks

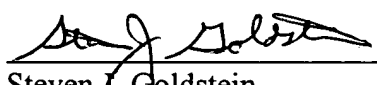
The claims of the present application have been amended herein to bring them into line with U.S. patent practice. These claims find full support in the application; no new matter has been added. It is respectfully requested that these claims be examined and allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
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